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#### Jack Dalton Narrowly Escapes Death at the Hands of an Indian

The Juneau Mining Record says Jack Dalton, scout, pioneer and pathfinder, was shot at from ambush a few days ago by Indians on the Dalton trail. Dalton was winged and narrowly escaped with his life. A bullet passed through his coat and waistcoat on the left side close to his heart and another carried away with it a section of the skin of the tip of the little finger on the same side. He was unarmed at the time. The scene of the shooting was a few miles up the Chilkat river, from tide water, and Dalton was alone.

The Indians for some time had various petty grievances against Dalton. They accuse him of spoiling their trade by establishing his post one hundred miles inland; with bringing the hardy white man and Klondiker into the country to their disadvantage, and opening up the streams to the white man's small boats and driving the salmon and other fish away, so that the Indians must go hungry for dried fish next winter or go a long way to catch them. These are the reasons for the shots from the brush. It is perhaps needless to say that the next time Dalton turns his face toward Fort Selkirk on the Dalton trail he will be well armed and fully prepared to take a few scalps. He went last Monday.

A complaint was made by Dalton to United States Commissioner Malcolm and warrants were issued for the arrest of Indian Jim and one other native. A man with the papers is hot on the trail.

#### A REVISED STATEMENT.

The circumstances connected with the case show beyond question of doubt that the Indians had carefully planned the assassination of the man they blame for the influx of whites to their hunting grounds. Coming close as it does on the heels of the murder of William Meehan on the Mc Clintock river by Hootalinqua river it is impossible to overlook the ominous import.

Dalton arrived in Juneau June 19 and the coat he wore told in mute language of his narrow escape from death at the hands of the treacherous redskins. The story was kept very quiet owing to the issuance of a warrant for the arrest of Indian Jim, one of the leading men of the Chilkat tribe, on the charge of attempted murder. J. D. Barry, the San Francisco Chronicle correspondent got an inkling of the matter on his way down to Seattle and when the steamer Rosalie touched at Juneau he learned Dalton's story.

#### WALKING ALONG THE RIVER.

Dalton was walking along the bank of the Chilkat river some distance ahead of six prospectors, a few miles from the town of Chilkat. Suddenly a rifle shot rang out from the underbrush one hundred yards distant. Dalton says a bullet whistled past his left ear. He came to a sudden stop and his companions rushed up with drawn pistols. Backed up by his friends Dalton made a rush for the place where the smoke from the would-be assassin's rifle had puffed up. He had taken only three steps when another shot rang out and the bullet struck over the famous pathfinder's heart. A pocket book in which were several coins received the bullet and deflected it just enough to save his life. The pocket and purse, however, were cut through and the coins fell to the ground.

A moment later an Indian with rifle in hand was seen to break from the ambush and run rapidly toward the heavy timber. Dalton and his men gave chase, but suddenly discovered that the woods were filled with hostile redskins who showed themselves boldly and invited the white men to "come on." Realizing that they were outnumbered three to one Dalton and his friends withdrew and made their way back to Chilkat.

Dalton took the first steamer to Juneau and appeared before United States Commissioner Malcolm and told his story. He said he was satisfied the shooting was done by a prominent Chilkat Indian named "Jim." The Commissioner immediately issued a warrant charging "Jim" with attempted murder. Before Mr. Barry left Juneau an officer had been sent out to make the arrest. His task is considered a very dangerous one, as the Indians are in a bad humor, and according to the looks of things were banded together in an attempt to take Dalton's life. Mr. Barry thinks that it will be a difficult matter to arrest "Jim" and

would not be surprised to hear of more trouble.

#### THE TIMBER LAW OF ALASKA

#### Regulations Prescribed by the Department to Govern Its Use In the Territory.

Following is the full text of the rules and regulations promulgated by the Secretary of the interior under which Alaskan timber can be taken and used: Department of the Interior, general land office, Washington, D. C., March 17, 1898.

By virtue of the power vested in the secretary of the interior by the act of March 3, 1891 (26 stat., 1893), the following rules and regulations, governing the use of timber on public lands in the district of Alaska are hereby prescribed:

1. Miners, prospectors, agriculturists, and other settlers in Alaska, who are citizens of the United States and who have not a sufficient supply of timber on their own claims or lands for use thereon as firewood, fencing or building purposes, or for necessary use in developing the mineral and other natural resources of the lands owned and occupied by them, may procure timber, free of charge, from unoccupied, unreserved public lands in Alaska, strictly for use on their own claims or lands therein, for the purposes enumerated in this section (but not for sale or disposal, nor for use on other lands or by other persons, nor for export), to an extent not exceeding in stumpage valuation, \$100 in any one year.

It is not necessary to secure permission from the department to take timber from public lands as above allowed. The exercise of such privilege is, however, subject at all times to supervision by the department, with a view to restriction or prohibition, if deemed necessary.

2. In cases in which the parties needing the timber are not in a position to procure it from the public lands themselves, it is allowable for them to secure the cutting, removing, sawing, or other manufacture of the timber through the medium of others agreeing with the parties, thus acting as their agents direct in taking or otherwise handling the timber, that they shall be paid a reasonable amount to cover their time and labor expended and all legitimate expenses incurred in connection therewith, exclusive of any charge for the timber itself.

3. The uses specified in section 1 of these rules and regulations constitute the only purposes for which timber may be taken, free of charge, from public lands in Alaska under this act.

4. In order, however, that the native timber of Alaska may be placed upon the home market for all legitimate purposes of trade, to such a reasonable extent as shall meet existing emergencies in the matter of the demand therefor, sales of timber on public land in Alaska may be directed by the department from time to time.

While such sales of timber are optional, and the secretary of the interior may exercise his discretion at all times as to the necessity or advisability of any sale, petitions from responsible persons for the sale of timber in particular localities will be received by this department for consideration.

5. Such petitions must describe the land upon which the timber stands as definitely as possible by natural landmarks; the character of the country, whether rough, steep, or mountainous, agricultural or mineral, or valuable chiefly for its forest growth; and state whether or not the removal of the timber would injuriously affect the public interests. If any of the timber is dead, estimate the quantity in feet, board measure, with the value, and state whether killed by fire or other cause. Of the live timber, state the different kinds and estimate the quantity of each kind in trees per acre. Estimate the average diameter of each kind of timber, and estimate the number of trees of each kind per acre above the average diameter. State the number of trees of each kind above the average diameter it is desired to have offered for sale, with an estimate of the number of feet, board measure, therein, and an estimate of the value of the timber as it stands.

6. If deemed necessary, before any sale is authorized, the timber will be examined and appraised, and other questions involved duly investigated, by an official designated for the purpose, with a view to action being based upon his report.

7. When a sale is ordered, notice thereof will be given by publication by the commissioner of the general land office.

8. The time and place of filing bids, and other information for a correct understanding of the terms of each sale, will be given by published notices or otherwise. Timber is not to be sold for less than the appraised value, and when a bid is accepted a certificate of acceptance will be issued by the commis-

sioner of the general land office to the successful bidder, who, at the time of making payment, must present the same to the officer designated to receive it. The commissioner of the general land office must approve all sales, and he may make allotment of quantity to any bidder, or bidders, at fixed price, if he deems proper, so as to avoid monopoly. The right is also reserved to reject any or all bids. A reasonable cash deposit, to accompany each bid will be required.

9. Within thirty days after notice to bidder of an award of timber to him, payment must be made in full, as directed, for the timber so awarded. The purchaser must have in hand the receipt for such payment before he will be allowed to cut, remove, or otherwise dispose of the timber in any manner.

The timber must all be cut and removed within one year from the date of the notice of the award; failing to do so the purchaser will forfeit his right to the timber left standing or unremoved and to his purchase money.

10. Notice must be given by the purchaser to the commissioner of the general land office of the proposed date of cutting and removal of the timber, so that, if practicable, an officer may be designated to supervise such cutting and removal. Upon application of purchasers, permits to erect temporary sawmills for the purpose of cutting or manufacturing timber purchased under this act may be granted by the commissioner of the general land office if not incompatible with the public interests.

11. No public timber sold as above prescribed may be exported from the district of Alaska.

12. Special instructions will be issued for the guidance of officials designated to examine and appraise timber, to supervise its cutting and removal, and for carrying out other requirements connected therewith.

13. Section 2461, United States Revised Statutes, is in force in the district of Alaska, and its provisions may be enforced against any person, or persons, who cut or remove, or cause or procure to be cut or removed, or aid or assist or are employed in cutting or removing, any timber from public lands therein, except as allowed by law.

14. The secretary of the interior reserves the right to prescribe such further restrictions as he may, at any time, deem necessary, or to revoke the privileges granted in any cases wherein he has information that persons are abusing the same, or where it is necessary for the public good.

15. The rules and regulations provided herein shall take effect April 1, 1898; and all rules and regulations heretofore prescribed under said act of March 3, 1891, relating to the use of timber on public lands in Alaska, are hereby revoked.

BINGER HERMANN, Commissioner.  
Approved March 17, 1898.  
C. N. BLISS, Secretary.

#### The Bull and the Butcher.

On Wednesday evening there arrived on the steamer Al-Ki two of the fiercest steers that have thus far visited Wrangell. They were of the sport making variety; spotted and spiky. They were safely landed and corralled on the McKinnon wharf when one of them, after having thoroughly viewed the surrounding scenery, made an attempt to escape, and escape he did. With a rip and a snort and a double kink in his tail he leaped over the fence and managed to land both hind feet on the edge of the wharf while his fore feet and nose were pointed toward the incoming tide. A neater plunge never was made. The steer went way down and let the water shut up over him. Finally, for the want of air, the steer came to the surface and swam ashore. After landing safely on the beach opposite the Wrangell Hardware Co.'s store, the steer, which had been dehorned, stood quietly taking in his new surroundings long enough to give some of the boys a chance to throw a noose around his neck. Then the fun commenced. The line was fastened to the elevated sidewalk and the steer below was testing its strength. Just at this juncture the voice of the owner, local butcher, was heard above the laughter of the jesting crowd.

"Och, du lieber gut, he is schoking, aint id. Kuvick, Villie mit a robe."

"Put some salt on his tail." "Give him some gun powder." "Get a bellows and pump wind into him," were suggested by the onlookers.

During this time the second steer had escaped from the corral on the wharf and came thundering down the wharf, but was soon securely fastened beside his choking mate.

"You dink I vas born yesterday, I'll plow you salt mit de bellows on de tall. You relevation of eisenglass. So, so." But the steer wouldn't so.

"Chloroform him." "Give him some beer." "Teach him how to read."

"Twist his tail," were the suggestions offered for the consolation of the knight of the cleaver.

"Vot, you aggregation of toulfels, vot for you dont got some business of your own to dend to chust like I dend to my own business, mit a robe on it. Aind dot chust so? Ve vill make dot schteer loose all right." And the butcher made another attempt to get the rope properly fastened on the steer's neck. The audience had by this time grown to no small extent.

Finally, after considerable maneuvering the butcher succeeded in fastening the rope properly, and as the crowd gave them his opinion of them.

#### Hobson Congratulated.

NEW YORK, June 24—A dispatch to the Herald from Washington City says:

Secretary Long has sent to Assistant Naval Constructor R. P. Hobson, in care of the Commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic squadron, an inspiring letter commanding him for the extraordinary heroism he displayed in sinking the collier Merrimac in the harbor of Santiago de Cuba.

The letter was written shortly after the Secretary had recommended to the President that Mr. Hobson be advanced ten numbers in his rank, but the recommendation was not carried out for the reason that Representative Pearson, the uncle of the young hero, requested that action be delayed until Mr. Hobson could be communicated with. A bill is now pending in Congress for the transfer of Mr. Hobson to the line, with the rank of Lieutenant Commander.

The Secretary's letter is dated June 20 and begins:

"Sir: The Department has been waiting for your exchange before addressing a letter of commendation to you in reference to your success in decisively sinking the United States steamer Merrimac in the narrow entrance of the harbor of Santiago de Cuba in the early morning of June 3, 1898, but as the exchange hoped for has been delayed, the Department will not wait for the action to take place."

The Secretary then quotes Rear Admiral Sampson's letter describing and praising Mr. Hobson's achievement, and continues:

"It was exceedingly gratifying to the Department to receive from the Commander-in-chief of the North Atlantic station such a letter, calling special attention to your extraordinary heroism on the occasion referred to. Readiness for emergency, fertility of resource and such extraordinary heroism as you displayed in taking the Merrimac into the entrance of the harbor of Santiago de Cuba, under the most galling fire from the shore batteries of the enemy, at the risk of yourself and your brave associates in this duty, are qualifications most enviable for any naval officer to possess—your action even calling from the Spanish Admiral, in a most signal manner, an expression highly commendable of your brave act."

"The Department takes this occasion to heartily congratulate you upon your most distinguished conduct and avails itself of the opportunity to inform you that it has taken steps to give you some professional reward as recommended by the Commander-in-chief, which the department hopes will be gratifying to you and at the same time assure you that your gallant act not only reflects additional lustre upon the traditional glories of the navy, but that you are held in grateful remembrance by your fellow countrymen and appreciated by the whole civilized world."

This letter was personally signed by Secretary Long. It will be held by Admiral Sampson until an opportunity is found to convey it to the young officer.

#### Corpses Found on Shelter Island

A Nahk Indian named John has reported at Juneau that he saw the bodies of three men on the beach at Shelter Island. He said they were badly decomposed, and that he did not touch them. It is believed that they are the remains of the victims of the Clara Nevada disaster early in the year.

An investing party will probably be sent out, as no thorough search for the bodies has yet been made.

Shelter Island is the probable shore on which the sea would cast up their dead from the wrecked steamer.

#### Under Bonds of \$10,000.

James Downing, a private in Company H. 14th U. S. Infantry, was arrested Tuesday

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Do not delay building the water works in Wrangell. Even Skagway has a system of water works.

A bill has passed Congress and been signed by the President which removes all political disabilities resulting from the war of the rebellion. This makes any ex-confederate soldier eligible to any office within the gift of the people.

Our citizens were horrified to hear that an attempt to rape a little six-year-old girl, had been made by one Downing, a private in Company H, 14th U. S. Infantry. This man should be given a fair trial, but if found guilty, no punishment is too severe for him.

An election was recently held in Juneau for the selection of fire-commissioners. Only citizens of the United States are permitted to vote in this country, but nevertheless, Beddoe, the alleged newspaper man, and an alien, attempted to vote, and would have done so had it not been that some good citizen challenged him and he had to withdraw. This fellow Beddoe is hard to down.

Gov. Brady was a passenger on the Al-Ki enroute to Sitka. The Governor has spent several weeks in Washington, D. C., looking after the interests of Alaska, and comes back with the hope that the time is now at hand when Congress will give Alaska the attention she deserves. He has no doubt but the liquor laws will be changed from a prohibitive to a high license act, and that we will be given representation in Congress. We trust that the Governor's hopes may be realized, but fear that the "out of sight, out of mind" policy will still continue.

The World Will be Surprised.

A letter recently received from G. H. V. Bulyea, dated Dawson, N. W. T. will be read with interest by those interested in the interior country. Mr. Bulyea is a member of the Northwest Territories Assembly and was sent north to represent his government. He is now preparing to return. An interesting portion of his letter is as follows:

The town is fairly orderly, although all the hangers-on of mining town are here. They have, however, a magnified awe of Canadian justice. I have not seen a man carrying a pistol or a knife, nor have I heard an angry word since I arrived here. Times appear to be lively, but a boom is expected as soon as the gold is washed up. This will be finished about the middle of June, and I candidly think that the world will be surprised at the gold output of Dawson region. El Dorado and Bonanza are the creeks that are being extensively worked, but as other creeks are prospected they are turning out A 1. Dominion Creek, discovered last year, is considered by local men to be as valuable as any of the old creeks, and claims are held very nearly as high. Sulphur, All Gold, and a dozen others are very valuable. In the bench claims, gold is found in chunks away up in the top of the mountain, a fact that surprises the mineralogist. Gold is found in the most unlikely places.

There is plenty of food now at Dawson. The scarcity arose because a certain clique endeavored

to corner the food supply and trade on the needs of their fellows. They succeeded for a time, but the supply was bigger than the demand, and now you can buy provisions very reasonably. In any lines, however, in which there is an actual scarcity the prices are fancy. Butter is \$8 for a tin of two pounds; condensed milk is \$2 a can; sugar is \$1 a pound, and so on. Lumber is \$300 a thousand feet here, and delivered at the mines for sluice boxes it costs \$1 a foot. A man bought ten kegs of nails from Fort Yukon a few days ago and refused a cash offer for the lot, \$4,500. He asked and got \$5 a pound. Wages run from \$15 to \$25 according to the skill required. It is the blacksmiths, and tinsmiths, however, who are making the harvest. One man was shrewd enough last fall to secure all the stock of iron in town. He is not doing a thing with the boys now. A man showed me an iron bolt he had got fixed the other day. It was a half-inch bolt and the bolt had broken off at the nut. All that was required was a half-inch splice, new thread and new nut. He had to pay one ounce of gold, current \$17. Diminutive bob sleighs for hauling lumber were ironed by him at a cost of \$175 per set. A broom costs \$17, and a turkey offered for sale a few weeks ago brought \$150. Meals at the restaurants are \$2.50 and were \$1.50 five weeks ago,

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Rules for the Navigation of  
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The Department of Marine and Fisheries of Canada has made arrangements for a system of signalling at Little Canyon, on the Stikine river, to prevent collisions therewith. Immediately after the opening of navigation in station will be established at each end of the canyon, at which signals will be displayed for the guidance of vessels.

A white ball, or disc, hoisted to the top of a mast will denote that the channel is clear, and a signal will be given from the end at which the ball is displayed.

A black drum or square will denote that the channel is not clear, and a vessel must not enter the canyon on any consideration when the drum is displayed.

The drum and ball shown together will be a signal to both the two stations for information of the signalmen, and no vessel may enter the canyon when this signal is shown.

In the event of a signal being given, the canyon from both ends simultaneously, the upward bound vessel will be held below the canyon until the descending vessel has run the canyon.

One prolonged blast of a steamer's whistle will be a signal to the signalmen to show the signal.

In any other part of the river within Canadian territory, if a vessel is warping up, a downward bound vessel must keep clear of her and her warping lines, and bring and tying up if necessary to prevent collision.

In the event of two vessels simultaneously approaching a place where warping is required, the upward bound vessel must allow the downward bound vessel to pass, remaining behind until the descending vessel has run the canyon.

These rules will be established by Order in Council under the provisions of Chapter 70, Revised Statutes of Canada, and amending orders, and will have the force of law. They are not intended to supersede, but are to be an addition to the ordinary rule of the river.

WM. P. ANDERSON,  
Chief Engineer.  
Department of Marine and Fisheries of  
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S. "Quadra" this week:  
A middle ground buoy can buoy on Ripple rock, just upstream between Thurlow and Helmecken islands. There is only ten feet on a pinnacle rock where seven fathoms are shown on the charts.

2. A steel plateau buoy mounted by a pyramidical post with a diamond at the apex.

3. A steel buoy on a rock between the two buoys mentioned above.

4. A black steel can buoy on Hewitt Rock.

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WM. P. ANDERSON,  
Chief Engineer.

Dominion Department of Marine and Fisheries.

Fort Wrangell, Alaska. 29th April, 1898.

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Sanitary Committee for the Fort Wrangell

Chamber of Commerce.

Port Wrangell, Alaska, May 3, 1898.

Notice to Mariners.

CITIZENS OF WRANGEL.

You are requested by the Fort Wrangell Chamber of Commerce to use all due diligence and haste in clearing your door yards of any garbage and sewage which may be there, to place it in a proper receptacle, and remove it to the beach at intervals of not less than three times a week.

By observing this, you will be doing your part towards saving our now healthy city from sickness and disease during the coming hot season. Very respectfully.

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**CIRCULAR OF INSTRUCTION**

To Collectors of Internal Revenue  
Purchasers of Imprinted  
Stamps and Stamp  
Agents.

Washington City, June 24—  
The following circular of instruction to Collectors of Internal Revenue, purchasers of imprinted stamps and stamp agents has been issued by the Commissioner of Internal Revenue:

"Persons desiring to have stamps printed upon checks, drafts, orders and papers will make application therefor to the Collector of the district, transmitting or presenting with such application payment for the stamps. The applications must state the name and address of the contractor, who will imprint the stamps and should authorize the delivery of the stamped paper to the said contractor and the acceptance of his receipt thereon behalf of the owner."

"Upon receipt of such application and payment of the stamps the Collector will forward to the stamp agent or the establishment of the contractor designated an order for the imprinting of the stamps and the delivery of the stamped paper to the contractor for shipment to owner, taking the contractor's receipt for same."

"To enable Collectors to draw orders upon this stamp agent at the establishment of any contractor a list of contractors in various cities, the numbers and the name of the stamp agent at each establishment, will be furnished to the Collectors."

"The collector will debit himself with the stamps ordered imprinted and credit himself with them as sold, including the amount received in his deposits on account of sales of documentary stamps. The sales of imprinted stamps must, however, be shown separately on the Collector's monthly report of documentary and proprietary stamps. At each of the establishments where stamps are authorized to be imprinted upon drafts, orders and papers, an authorized agent of the government, who will receive from Collectors of Internal Revenue orders for the imprinting and delivery of imprinted stamps. The agent should carefully read the contractor's contract with his office so that he may ascertain all the provisions thereof and see that they be fully complied with. He will also have authority to take such other precautionary measures as may be necessary to protect the interests of the government in the printing and safe keeping of imprinted stamps. He will be required to keep an accurate and permanent record in a book provided therefor of all check stamps printed daily and of those delivered to the contractor. He will also keep a in a book adapted therefor a debit and credit account with each order received from Collectors for imprinting stamps, showing as to any order received, the date received, in whose favor drawn, the number of stamps delivered and the number due thereof, if any."

"He will also make on blank forms, to be furnished by himself, monthly reports to the commissioner of Internal Revenue, showing all transactions of the imprinting and delivery of imprinted stamps during the month."

"The agent will transmit with the monthly reports to the Commissioner of Internal Revenue all Collectors' orders which have been filled by the printing of all the stamps authorized therein."

"Deliveries of stamps on any orders should be indorsed thereon by the agent, with the date of delivery."

"Where necessary a counter will be employed to count the stamps and render other assistance to the agent and be subject to the orders of the stamp agent."

Job work done with neatness and despatch at this office.

**Letter From H. M. Stowe.**

The following letter was received from H. M. Stowe, a former employee of the JOURNAL, who is now located at Howcan, and in company with his partner Mr. Robertson, is doing development work on a promising claim, on Dall island.

HOWCAN, ALASKA,  
June 1, 1898.

Dear Journal—I tell you what, there is some difference between sticking type in the old barracks and shoveling, handling a drill and breaking rock on Dall island, even if you are developing a gold mine.

Every foot of Dall island seems to be thoroughly mineralized and prospectors have no trouble in locating good claims as is evidenced by the number of properties being staked out.

C. H. Bertram and Drs. Lashere and Smith, who have been prospecting on the island, have acquired several good propositions and have returned to Wrangel in order to record them and make arrangements to open up same.

Robertson and myself have put in some good hard work opening up the Fuller claim which now shows up 24 feet in width and widens perceptibly the deeper we go which is all very encouraging.

We have just shipped ore to the Tacoma Smelting and Refining Co. for a mill test.

W. H. French, an expert from California is here and thinks well enough of this section to pitch his tent and stay with it for some time to come.

Considerable development work is being done around here by several incorporated companies.

So far, all recent discoveries have been extensive, low grade propositions, but I predict the near future will develop several freemilling propositions.

Yours, H. M. STOWE,  
Howcan, Alaska.

**He Got the Curry Comb.**

A man not far from Wrangel recently purchased a pair of fine (?) boots from one of our prominent firms and left the store feeling that he had made an exceptionally good bargain. The boots were of the crack-leather variety and the first time the gentleman got into the water with them the fur turned the wrong way. To say that the man was mad but mildly expresses it. He started back to the store where he had made the purchase, determined to tell "those fellows" what he thought of them.

But one of "those fellows" "saw him coming," and thought he was wearing moccasins of bear-skin, but as the man drew near he saw that they were the boots he had sold him a few days before, and therefore had to think fast to furnish an answer for the excited purchaser.

"Say, what kind of boots do you call these?" at the same time elevating his foot on a sugar barrel.

"Why," said the merchant, "they are all right. What's the matter with them?"

"Matter! Look at them! They are as hairy as a husky —"

"Oh! Yes, come here," said the merchant, "The boots are all right, but we forgot to put in the curry-comb that goes with them." The man left the store satisfied.

**Let us Have Pure Water.**

To bring water into Wrangel at a nominal cost is an easy matter. No town in Alaska is more fortunate in this regard than Wrangel and the citizens should call a meeting and devise ways and means for the building of water works. The following report will be of interest to our readers:

**EXAMINATION OF WATER FOR WRANGEL.**

WRANGEL, Alaska.

June 22, 1898.

Distance to pass 1½ miles, to reservoir site 2 miles.

Elevation of pass by aneroid 350 feet.

Elevation of reservoir site 500 feet.

Stream at reservoir site 3 feet wide.

2-10 feet deep.

Velocity 14 feet per second.

Temperature 48 degrees Fahr.

Formation, brown mountain soil over slate formation.

Growth, hemlock.

Undergrowth, huckleberry and elk brush.

Gallons of water per second, 6.73.

Gallons of water per 24 hours, 581,645.

100 gallons to inhabitant per day.

Number of inhabitants supplied, 5,816.

This inspection was made during,

and at the end of an especially dry season.

N. B. WHITFIELD, C. E.

Dept. U. S. Mineral Surveyor.

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Wolf	1.00 to 2.00
Red Fox	1.00 to 2.00
Mink	.75 to 2.00
Skunk	.25 to 1.00
Gray Fox	.50 to .75
Rat	.20 to .25

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## LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. J. R. McKeand, has associated himself with the STIKEEN RIVER JOURNAL, and has assumed the business management of the same.

The tug Alaska returned from Juneau Thursday night.

The steamer Monte Cristo made a trip to Glenora this week.

Mrs. S. J. Lemont left on the Tartar Wednesday night for Nanaimo, B. C.

A rich strike is reported on the Tooya river if anyone knows where that is.

Steamer Utopia, south bound called in at the McKinnon wharf Tuesday afternoon.

The government light house tender, Manzanita came into port Monday and remained for a few hours.

Case & Wilson have just completed a "job shop." "Tug" did the papering and Casey did the jobbing.

The steamer Rosalie arrived from the south at 3 o'clock a. m. Friday and left for the north at 6 a. m.

During the past week quite a number of prospectors have started out on prospecting trips on the mainland and among the islands.

H. Gerard met with a painful accident on the McKinnon wharf Wednesday last, from a heavy truck falling on and breaking his ankle.

Inspectors Cherry and Bryant of Seattle are expected to arrive at any time, on their annual inspection of steamboat hulls and boilers.

R. J. McChesney and Capt. Woodside, well known in Wrangell, and who have been at Glenora for some time past, started for Teslin Lake last week.

M. McCane has opened up the Eureka Beer Hall in the building adjoining the Wrangell Drug Co's store and is having it fitted up as a first class restaurant.

Miss Genevieve Schertzer, who has been visiting in Wrangell for several weeks past, left for her home on the Sound on Wednesday night on the steamer Tartar.

The steamer Tees, Capt. Joe Goss, arrived from the south Sunday afternoon and after discharging passengers and freight departed for northern ports and took its whistle with it.

Private Vanraganwater, of Co. H, 14th U. S. Infantry, the insane patient, who for several weeks past has been confined in jail at this place, has been sent to Vancouver barracks for treatment. Sergeant Schreel was detailed to accompany the patient.

The steamer Victorian, which left Wrangell June 24, enroute to St. Michaels, returned to port last Sunday, having met with an accident which will prevent her making the trip. The Victorian ran in close to shore to take on water and was caught on a rock by the outgoing tide and badly strained.

The trim little steamer Tonquin came into port Thursday morning with a party of pleasure seekers from Seattle, composed of Mr. and Mrs. Bent, Messes. C. L. Webb, Thos. E. Adams and C. H. Pennington. They will proceed along the coast taking in Juneau, Skagway, Sitka and Prince William Sound, before returning to Seattle.

It has been suggested that it would be the proper thing for the committee who had charge of affairs for the Cuban celebration to publish a statement showing the disposition of the money subscribed by our citizens for the celebration of May 24th and July 4th. It is certainly due the merchants and should be done.

Mr. James D. Barry, special correspondent of the San Francisco Chronicle, who has just returned from Dawson City, in an interview states that the water in the lower Yukon river is unusually low and it is feared in Dawson that very few if any of the Yukon river steamers will reach that point from St. Michaels this year.

The Stikeen Chief is being made ready to sail for St. Michaels and was expected to be ready to go by the first of the week, but on account of a strike among the carpenters who were working on her, it will probably delay her a few days. The officers of the Stikeen Chief are W. E. Nesbit, captain; A. W. Shieels, purser; A. L. Brownlie, chief engineer.

Mr. E. G. Allen arrived from the Dease Lake country on the Monte Cristo, Wednesday last, enroute to Victoria. Mr. Allen is highly pleased with the country through which he passed this spring, and will return in a few weeks with provisions for two or three years. He was accompanied by G. C. Robertson, of Washington, an old and experienced miner.

Capt. John Irving, of the Canadian Pacific Navigation Co., has gone to St. Michael in charge of the steamer Dambe. From St. Michael the Commodore will take command of a magnificent river steamer and sail up the Yukon for Dawson and Lake Teslin. If the trip is made without delay Capt. Irving expects to leave the boat at Teslin and come across to Telegraph creek and thence to Wrangell via the Stikeen river. May the trip be safe, speedy and profitable, is the wish of the many friends of Capt. Irving.

The Twenty-five Thousand Club met Wednesday night in the court house. A draft of by-laws was read and referred to a committee consisting of Dr. R. B. Davy, D. Rosenblum, and Dr. V. McAlpin. The chair was authorized to appoint a committee of three to secure a store room for a museum of Alaska products. The club adjourned to meet in the court house next Wednesday evening.

The shooting of fire arms within the town limits should be prohibited. It is a dangerous practice and may be the cause of a serious accident if it is not stopped. Three or four complaints have recently been made, and it is more than probable that arrests will follow. One person was arrested and brought before the commissioner and fined twenty-five dollars for carelessly shooting a revolver in the business portion of town Tuesday.

The executive committee of the Chamber of Commerce met at the office of Messes. Clark, Ingersoll & Weymouth Monday afternoon, for the purpose of transacting such business as came before it. A complaint from a number of citizens against West Brothers for slaughtering animals on the water front near their place of business was taken up by the board, and the secretary was instructed to notify these gentlemen that this nuisance should be abated at once. We have no doubt but that the notice will be heeded by this firm, as well as others who may have been using our main thoroughfare for purposes of this kind.

Mrs. McKinnon who has been suffering from a severe illness, was able to be up and about Wednesday, and, with her husband, walked out to the wharf at which the Alki was lying, to bid some friends good-bye. About the time she was ready to return home a wild steer which had been turned loose on the wharf, came plunging by at a mad rate, and in endeavoring to escape Mrs. McKinnon fell in the door of the office on the wharf in a faint. She fell in such a way as to strike her face causing serious bruises. She was taken to her residence and cared for by anxious friends, and is rapidly recovering.

## PERSONAL.

Mrs. M. L. Baer, left on the Alki for a visit to the Sound.

Willoughby Clark left for Juneau on the Alki Thursday morning. He will probably visit Sitka before returning.

Dr. Lashire, who is in company with Dr. Smith has been prospecting on Prince of Wales Island, is spending a few days in town.

Inspector-at-large Slater arrived on the Rosalie yesterday morning and will spend a few days among Wrangell friends.

Mrs. A. Burke, who has resided in Wrangell for several months past, left Thursday morning on the Alki for Fort Selkirk, accompanied by his family.

Manager Worlock, of the Canadian Development Co., left on the Steamer Tartar Wednesday for Victoria on business connected with his company. He will return on the same steamer.

Dr. Smith who has been spending several weeks on Prince of Wales Island prospecting, returned on the Baranoff this week. The doctor reports a pleasant and profitable trip.

A party composed of Collector, Agent, Mr. and Mrs. Causten, and Mrs. Sanger, left on the steamer Casea Friday last for Glenora where a delightful time was spent. They returned Monday.

Mr. John McEwan, C. E., in the employ of the Canadian government, passed through Wrangell on his way to Victoria, to report progress on the wagon road. Mr. McEwan is a pleasant gentleman to meet, and it is to be hoped that he will soon return.

**Thos. E. Holmes Drowned.**

It is reported that the Inspector Thos. E. Holmes, formerly stationed at Mary Island, was among the passengers lost in the wreck of the schooner Alexander which foundered off the California coast in March last. Mr. Holmes was enroute to Kasilof, to which place he had been transferred.

## Loss of River Steamers.

The magnificent river steamers, Staghound and Gamecock, belonging to the Yukon Transportation & Commercial Company foundered at sea last Saturday night eight hours off the mouth of the Columbia river. The steamers were in tow of the Eliah Thompson, bound for St. Michaels. No lives were lost.

## Yukon Inspectors

Collector Ivey's party is composed of W. A. Belchey, Spokane; W. O. Chapman, Tacoma; C. E. Huxsie, T. C. Malone, J. K. Laing, A. J. Cody, and T. H. Richardson, all of Portland. They will sail by the Garonne, and all, excepting Mr. Malone will be stationed at St. Michaels and at points up the river as far as Circle City as collectors of customs. Mr. Malone has been a member of the city council of Portland, and on June 15th received the appointment of collector of inland revenue at Circle City. Mr. Huxsie has been in the appraiser's office at Portland for about eight years.

## The Boys Who Fell.

At last war has been entered upon. Up to this time the conflict between the United States and Spain has been a series of attacks, in which an American has been killed only by accident. More men have died in the navy since the war began from natural causes and from accidents than have been killed by the enemy. This was not the case on Friday.

For the first time American troops have had a chance to show what they can do when it comes down to a hand-to-hand fight, and they have emerged from it covered with glory and carrying the palms of victory in their hands. Although a short fight it was brilliant in its dash, and among the bravest and foremost was the young banker and society pet, Hamilton Fish. In him, the old knickerbockers have shown their patriotism and courage. The "tasseled satrap" was found shot to death far ahead of the column, and so closely in pursuit of the Spaniards that they made an effort to snatch his body and carry it off. With a yell his companions, rough riders from the ranch, a bookkeeper just out of an office and the son of a dairyman, rushed forward and fell fighting by his side.

The men who bore the brunt of the charge have never faced death before. They were not soldiers trained to warfare, but ordinary American citizens of all ranks, made equal by their common patriotism and standing shoulder to shoulder in fraternal citizenship.

There is more significance to this country and to Europe in the daring of this charge of rough riders, men almost direct from the plains and the counter and bank parlor, than there would be in far greater victory by regular troops. The citizen soldiers have been made the butt of much good natured fun; but in the presence of the lifeless remains of those thirteen boys and the maimed bodies of their comrades the country bares its head in gentle reverence for the brave fellows who were, a few weeks ago, commonplace citizens, going about their ordinary business with no pretense to exceptional patriotism nor bragging of their bravery.

The country called them to its aid, and they responded cheerfully and willingly; how nobly and earnestly, their dead bodies and shattered limbs eloquently tell.

## Engineer Roy Reports.

The semi-weekly Colonist of June 20th says: Mr. J. R. Roy, resident Dominion government engineer, returned last evening from Glenora, to which point he accompanied Mr. Denis Coste, chief engineer of the public works department, who is on his way to Dawson to examine and report on the all-Canadian route. Together the engineers made an examination of the Stikeen river and laid out the plans for the improvement of the channel.

He says that having heard so much about the difficulty of navigating the Stikeen he was surprised to find such a fine body of water. It is his opinion from what he saw and learned that steamers drawing not more than 30 to 34 inches of water and having powerful engines can navigate the river for six months in the year. The only trouble experienced this year was by steamers the engines of which were not powerful enough, the other vessels making the trip without any difficulty.

Not much work, comparatively speaking, Mr. Roy says, is necessary to improve the river. The snag boat Samson has been put to work, and although not as good as she might be, is rendering good service, clearing the river of snags and other obstructions. She was only able to get up as far as the 75-mile post, but above that the work will be carried on with large Indian canoes. The foreman was sent up with two canoes and eight Indians and will blow out the roots and trees with dynamite. Other work to be done consists of removing the piles of driftwood and cutting away the overhanging trees. Above the canyon there is very little work to be done. There are a few shallow places in the river, Mr. Roy says, but these can be dredged without any difficulty if it is found necessary to do so.

Mr. Roy erected at either entrance to the canyon signals which have been placed in charge of two men, and will be used to advise the captains of approaching steamers, which one is to be given the right of way.

The wagon road, Mr. Roy says, has been completed from Glenora to Telegraph creek and about four miles beyond and the Hudson's Bay company were about to commence work on the pack trail. There is a great scarcity of pack animals at Glenora, causing considerable delay to the large number of men who have reached that point with their outfitts.

## Regular Church Service—Presbyterian Church.

Sunday school, 10 a. m. Preaching to Natives, 11 a. m. Christian Endeavor, 7 p. m. Reading to White population, 8 p. m. Prayer meeting, Friday, 8 p. m.

Topic—Sunday evening July 3d.—The Bible—Its origin, plan, purpose, claim to inspiration, and how to study it. G. W. KENNEDY, Pastor.

Bill heads, \$2.50 per thousand at the JOURNAL office.

## Bryan to the Front.

Chicago, June 21—A special to the News from Washington says:

The gossip that Bryan would be sent to the Philippines and there bottled up until after the next campaign so annoyed President McKinley that at his personal request Col. Bryan's regiment has been transferred to Lee's brigade with a prospect of going to Porto Rico.

## The Glorious Fourth.

The program of exercises for the Fourth of July, will be as follows:

### PROGRAM.

5 a. m. Flag raising—salute.  
10 a. m. Literary and musical exercises in the opera house.

12 m. National salute.

8 p. m. Dance in opera house.

### LITERARY AND MUSICAL PROGRAM.

1 Orchestra, Prof. Geo. H. Edson.  
2 Call to order, Vice-president H. E. Weymouth.  
3 Hymn, America, by audience.  
4 Invocation, Rev. Stark.  
5 Declaration of Independence, Dr. V. McAlpin.  
6 Public school children, song.  
7 Reading, Capt. Thos. A. Willson.  
8 Solo (baritone), Prof. W. H. Porter.  
9 Recitation, Miss Bertha Hunt.  
10 Address, Rev. G. W. Kennedy.  
11 Piano solo, Miss Lulu Keefe.

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